

# The Stephen M. Ross Academic Center reinforces the fundamental ideals of the University and the academic mission of the athletic department

Completed in winter 2006, this \$12 million, 38,000-square-foot building provides academic study space for more than 700 U-M student-athletes. Adjacent to the Marie Hartwig Building on South State Street between Yost Ice Arena and Weidenbach Hall, the three-floor facility provides individual and group study areas, computer labs, meeting rooms for tutorial work, a large meeting room and assembly areas for group projects, and offices for instructional support staff.

## Lower Level

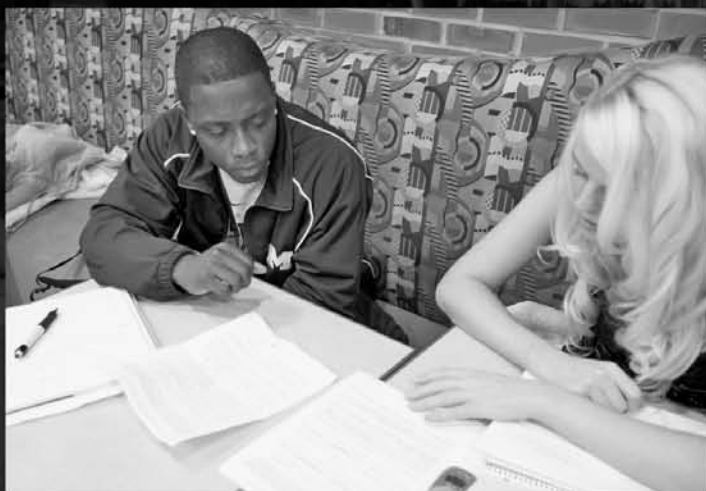
- 50-75 station computer lab
- Satellite writing lab from the English Department's Sweetland Writing Center
- 15-20 seat tutorial/classroom
- Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) office

## 1st Floor

- Academic Study Lounge
- Wolverine Meeting Room (seats 48)
- Academic Success Program Staff Offices
- ASP Conference Room
- Learning Disabilities Study Rooms
- Student-Athlete Commons Area

## 2nd Floor

- Seventeen individual study rooms seat up to four individuals each
- Satellite Math lab
- Student-Athlete Development Program
- 25-35 seat tutorial room
- 15-20 seat tutorial room



# BALL TRADITION



# M I C H I G A N F O O T



*Academic All-America Jason Avant is congratulated by President Mary Sue Coleman during Winter 2005 commencement ceremonies.*

## The Academic Success Program

### Mission Statement

The Academic Success Program (ASP) is dedicated to the development of the student-athlete academically, athletically and socially. The operating mission is to ensure the student-athlete of an equal opportunity to a Michigan education as available to all students.

Our vision is to support the student-athlete effectively, efficiently and professionally in academic and athletic pursuits while promoting responsibility, self-confidence and strong interpersonal skills.

### Academic Services

Eight Full-Time Academic Counselors on Staff  
 ASP First-Year Student Athlete Orientation  
 Liaison with Academic Schools and Colleges  
 Registration and Scheduling Assistance  
 Academic Performance Monitoring  
 Faculty and Administrative Contact  
 Study Skills Instruction  
 Supervised Study Table Sessions  
 Learning Coordinator Assistance  
 Athletic Eligibility

### Tutorial Program

Monitored study table program  
 Tutoring available any time for any class  
 Individual and/or group tutoring  
 Group reviews

### Student Athlete Development Program

With tremendous academic and athletic support systems already in place, the SADP serves to prepare student-athletes for life following the completion of their participation in intercollegiate athletics and degree at Michigan. To achieve this goal, SADP focuses its efforts in three specific areas:

- Community Service
- Community Outreach
- Growth and Leadership



*Rob Renes was one of eight U-M players to receive recognition as a National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete.*



*Anthony Thomas was selected to carry the American Flag at the start of Kinesiology graduation ceremonies in Summer 2001.*

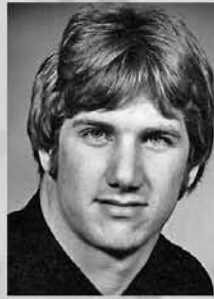


### Michigan's All-Time Academic Rankings:

- 22 Academic All-Americans
- 194 Academic All-Big Ten Citations
- 353 U-M Athletic Academic Achievement Awards

## Academic All-Americans

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) has recognized academic achievement in collegiate athletics since 1952 with its Academic All-America team. Below are Michigan's all-time Academic All-America football players, including fullback Dick Balzhiser who was selected into the Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 2002.



**John Anderson, LB**  
Second Team (1976, 1977)



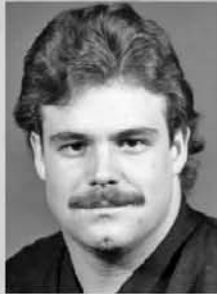
**Jason Avant, WR**  
Second Team (2005)



**Dick Balzhiser, FB**  
First Team (1952)  
Hall of Fame (2002)



**Norm Betts, TE**  
First Team (1981)  
Second Team (1980)



**Tom Dixon, C**  
Second Team (1983)



**Bruce Elliott, DB**  
First Team (1971)



**Adam Finley, P**  
Second Team (2004)



**Dave Fisher, FB**  
First Team (1966)



**Dave Gallagher, OL**  
Second Team (1973)



**Bill Hart, C**  
First Team (1972)



**Kenneth Higgins, WR**  
First Team (1986)



**Stefan Humphries, OL**  
First Team (1982, 1983)



**Chris Hutchinson, DL**  
Second Team (1992)



**Jon Jansen, OT**  
Second Team (1998)



**Dan Jilek, DE**  
First Team (1975)



**Kirk Lewis, OL**  
First Team (1974)



**Jim Mandich, TE**  
First Team (1969)



**Marc Milia, C**  
Second Team (1993)



**Clay Miller, OL**  
First Team (1985)  
Second Team (1984)



**Ed Muransky, OL**  
First Team (1981)



**Jim Orwig, OL**  
First Team (1995, 1997)



**Bubba Paris, OL**  
Second Team (1980)



**Rob Renes, NT**  
First Team (1999)  
Second Team (1998)



**Phil Seymour, DE**  
First Team (1970)



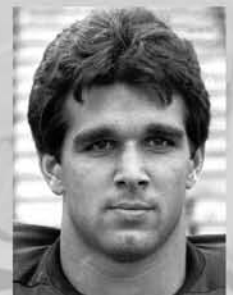
**Robert Thompson, LB**  
First Team (1982)



**Bob Timberlake, QB**  
First Team (1964)



**Dick Vidmer, QB**  
First Team (1966)



**John Wangler, QB**  
Second Team (1980)

## National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes

Since 1959, the Football Foundation has awarded graduate scholarships to the nation's outstanding scholar-athletes. In order to be eligible for the award, the recipient must be a senior and in his final year of eligibility. Additionally, he must have shown outstanding football ability, exhibited academic performance, demonstrated outstanding leadership and be a candidate for graduate study, having not yet received his diploma.

Bob Timberlake	1964
Dave Gallagher	1973
Kirk Lewis	1975
Norm Betts	1981
Stefan Humphries	1983
Chris Hutchinson	1992
Brian Griese	1997
Rob Renes	1999

### John Pingel Award

Presented by the Michigan Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame to the Scholar-Athlete of the Year in the state.

1995	Jay Riemersma, TE
1997	Brian Griese, QB
2003	Dave Pearson, C
2005	Jason Avant, WR

## National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame High School Scholar-Athletes

1998	Drew Henson
2003	Brandent Englemon

## NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients

The NCAA began awarding postgraduate scholarships following the 1964 football season. Postgraduate scholarship winners must carry a minimum 3.4 (4.0) grade point average and are also evaluated on the basis of athletic achievement, extracurricular activities and community and civic involvement. University of Michigan student-athletes, including 11 football players, have claimed the \$5,000 grants since they were first awarded in 1965.

David Fisher	1967
David Gallagher	1974
John Wangler	1981
Norm Betts	1982
Stefan Humphries	1984
Thomas Dixon	1984
Clayton Miller	1986
Kenneth Higgins	1987
Chris Hutchinson	1993
Marc Milia	1994
Brian Griese	1997

### Academic All-District

(As selected by CoSIDA) 1990 Dave Ritter

1991	Chris Hutchinson	1999	Rob Renes
	Dave Ritter	2002	Philip Brabbs (2nd)
	Chris Hutchinson		Joe Sgroi (2nd)
1993	Marc Milia	2003	Adam Finley (2nd)
1997	Rob Renes	2004	Adam Finley (1st)
1998	Jake Frysinger	2005	Jason Avant (1st)
	Jon Jansen		
	Rob Renes		

## Academic All-Big Ten Conference

Adam Adkins	1998	Mike Lantry	1972
John Anderson	1976-77	Kirk Lewis	1973-74
Jason Avant	2003-04-05	Jake Long	2007
Dick Balzhiser	1953	Jim Mandich	1969
Norm Betts	1979-80-81	Ross Mann	2004
James Bloomsburgh	2005	John Marcum	1964
Philip Brabbs	2002	Tony McGee	1992
Alijah Bradley	2005-06	Chris McLaurin	2006-07
Tom Brady	1998-99	Bennie McRae	1961
David Brandt	1997	Zoltan Mesko	2006-07
Mark Braman	1979	Andy Mignery	2000, 2002-03
Dave Brown	1973	Marc Milia	1991-92-93
Marc Burkholder	1993	Clay Miller	1984-85
Harvey Chapman	1962	Craig Moore	2005
Chip Cartwright	2005	Mark Moundros	2007
Todd Collins	1993-94	Ed Muransky	1981
Jon Conover	2007	Troy Nienberg	2002-03-04
David Crispin	1997	Tim North	2007
Joe Dayton	1967	Joe O'Donnell	1962
Joe Denay	2002	Jim Orwig	1955-56-57
Mark DeSantis	1978	Austin Panter	2007
Jerry Diorio	1983	Sean Parini	1995
Tom Dixon	1982-83	Bubba Paris	1980
Deitan Dubuc	1999-2000-01-02	John Partchenko	1994-95-96
Craig Dunaway	1982	Dave Pearson	2000-01-02-03
Doug Dutch	2005	Paul Peristeris	1995-96
Tyler Ecker	2005-06	Luke Perl	2003
Bruce Elliott	1971	Chad Petterson	1994
John Ellison	1991	Jim Pickens	1976
Hayden Epstein	1999, 2001	Max Pollock	2006-07
Juaquin Feazell	1998	Bob Popowski	1984
Adam Finley	2002-03-04	Rob Renes	1996-97-98-99
Dave Fisher	1966	Clayton Richard	2004
Jim Fisher	2003-04	Jay Riemersma	1994-95
Bob Fraumann	2000	John Ritchie	1994
Zack Freedman	1993	Dave Ritter	1990
Jake Frysinger	1998-99, 2001	John Ritter	1991
Dave Gallagher	1971-72-73	Gary Rose	2000-01
Tony Gant	1985-86	Eric Rosel	1998-99-2000-01
Brian Griese	1995-96-97	Ross Ryan	2005-06
Larry Gustafson	1973	Joey Sarantos	2002
Matt Gutierrez	2005	Paul Sarantos	2005
Remy Hamilton	1993-94-95-96	Todd Schlopy	1984
Jim Harbaugh	1986	David Schoonover	2005
Darrell Harper	1959	Jon Schopf	1961
Bill Hart	1972	Tim Schulte	1986
Brian Healy	1968-69	Andy Sechler	1998, 2000
Drew Henson	1999	Joe Sgroi	2000, 2002
Ken Higgins	1986	Mark Spencer	2005
Joe Holland	1987	John Spytek	2000, 2002
Jeff Holtry	1997	Chris Stapleton	1991-92-93
Derek Howard	1977	Randy Stark	1991
Stefan Humphries	1982-83	Curt Stephenson	1976-77
Chris Hutchinson	1990-91-92	Charles Stewart	2005
Michael Hynes	1995-96	Carl Tabb	2004-05-06
Jon Jansen	1997-98	Dominic Tedesco	1976-77
Dan Jilek	1975	Robert Thompson	1982
Matt Johnson	1999	Shawn Thompson	1998, 2001
Will Johnson	2005-06-07	Bob Timberlake	1963-64
Jason Kapsner	1999	Bill Tunnicliff	1961
Jeff Kastl	2006	Jeremy Van Alstyne	2004-05-06
Bill Keating	1964	Dick Vidmer	1966
Dale Keitz	1979	John Wangler	1980
Brandon Kornblue	1999	Don Warner	1973
Patrick Kratus	1999	Eric Warner	1997
Adam Kraus	2007	Dave Weil	1987-88
Brian Lafer	2003	Tim Williams	1987-88-89
Bob Lang	1976		

# Academic Support Program

Associate Athletic Director / Football Academic Counselor

## Shari Acho



Shari Acho is in her ninth year with the University of Michigan as the Associate Athletic Director of Academic Services for student athletes. She is the co-director of the Academic Success Program, but works specifically with the football team as its academic counselor.

In addition to her administrative role in the department, Acho handles the advisement of the football program with regards to satisfactory progress, eligibility and degree completion as set forth by the NCAA, Big Ten and the University.

Acho also provides the support services for football through the freshmen retention COOL program, study table, tutorial support, scheduling assistance and major and career counseling.

She also oversees the day-to-day operations of the Ross Academic Center for student-athletes.

Acho came to Michigan after spending six years at Michigan State University (1994-2000) as the assistant director of Student Athlete Support Services and learning specialist for all student-athletes. Prior to working at Michigan State, Acho was a Learning Disabilities teacher and Athletic Director at Deerfield Beach High School (1990-1994) in South Florida.

Acho earned her bachelor's degree in exceptional student education at Florida Atlantic University (1990) and added her master's degree in athletic administration (1995).

Shari and her husband, Jim Acho, reside in Farmington Hills, with their daughter Meghan.

Assistant Director / Academic Counselor

## Steve Connelly



Steve Connelly enters his 16th year as a member of the University of Michigan Athletic Department. He is in his 11th year with the Academic Success Program.

Connelly's responsibilities include dealing with all aspects of academic issues involving the football team. In addition, as an Assistant Director of the Academic Success Program, he oversees all technological services for the program and the Ross Academic Center.

Prior to working with the academic support program, Connelly worked directly for the football program as a recruiting assistant, and prior to that as a video assistant.

A May 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan, Steve is currently completing his master's degree in educational technology.

He and his wife Katie, a University of Michigan alumna, reside in Dexter with their dog, Queenie.

# Michigan Stadium Staff



2008 Michigan Stadium Staff (left to right): Deaunna Lynn Rodriguez, Tim Larson, Chris Ehman, Scott Clayton.